



## Umpire Questions and Answers

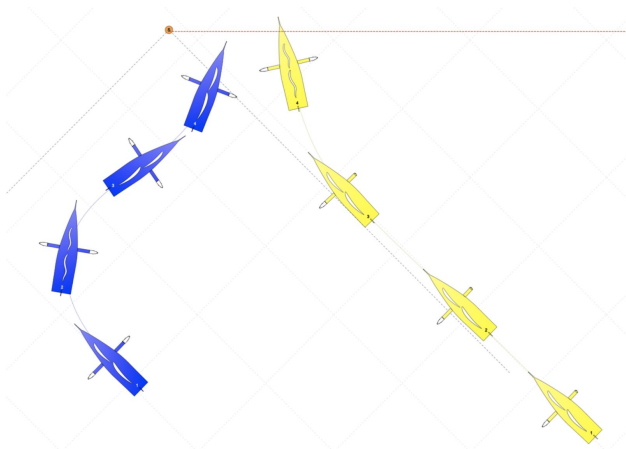
### QA18

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Rule 10 On Opposite Tacks  
Rule 29 Recalls  
Rule 43 Exoneration  
Rule 60.4(b) Umpire Initiated Penalties

#### Question 1

Prior to the start, Blue and Yellow are on a collision course at position 3. Yellow has not changed her course since position 1. The start is signalled at position 4. Both yachts luff to avoid contact and as a result Yellow is OCS. Yellow protests.



#### Answer

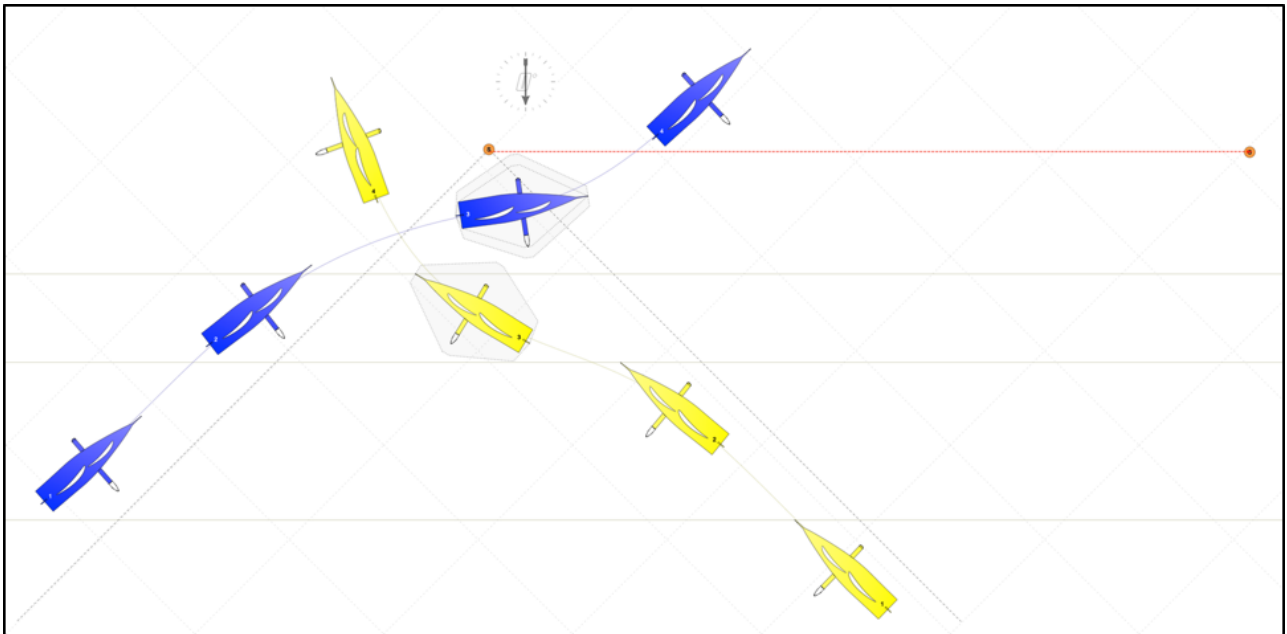
Penalize Blue twice - one penalty for breaking rule 10 and a second penalty either for gaining an advantage or committing a breach of sportsmanship.

Yellow is automatically penalized for OCS by RO Comms. If the umpires are certain that Blue compelled Yellow to break this rule, she is exonerated for her breach under rule 43.1(a) and the OCS penalty will be signalled as complete by the umpires.

Blue shall act immediately to reduce her VMG / VMC until she is 100 metres behind Yellow.

## Question 2

Prior to the start, Blue and Yellow are on a collision course approaching the starting line to start. Yellow bears away to avoid contact with Blue prior to position 3. The starting signal is given at position 3. After avoiding Blue, Yellow is not able to luff or tack to cross the starting line. Yellow protests.



## Answer 2

Penalize Blue twice - one penalty for breaking rule 10 and a second penalty for gaining an advantage.

Yellow has not crossed the starting line and must start according to the definition of start (a).

Blue shall act immediately to reduce her VMG / VMC until she is 100 metres behind Yellow.